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President's Message

Hello to all my fellow campers in NAFCA.

The ballot was in the January Chatter and now in this Issue. The only office having multiple people is for President. Please fill it out and get it sent in with your selection by the deadline to have your vote counted.

The big winter event for NAFCA is the Springfield RV & Camping Show February 14 – 17 2020, sponsored by PV8 is fast approaching. Don't forget the deadline for Proposals for the 2021 NAFCA Spring Safari & NAFCAree. These need to be sent to me by March 1, 2020. Please send by mail so it gets to me.

Well we are into the winter season so remember to travel safe to all of your outings this winter.

Yours in camping,
Dennis & Pam Richardson

Elections of National Officers for 2020 – 2022

By Jim Hurley, NAFCA Secretary
Elections

The election of NAFCA National Officers begins in January 2020 and ends on March 1st in 2020. The only contested office for this election is that of President. The other offices were not contested and therefore they will not appear on the ballot. There are no "write ins" allowed when voting for a NAFCA national office. Information about candidates appeared in the last Campfire Chatter.

Candidates for the Office of President

The following NAFCA members are running for the

office of NAFCA President and their names appear on the ballot.

George Brown

Don Daniel

Linda Ostiguy

Candidates for Uncontested Offices

The following NAFCA members are running for uncontested national offices and their names will not appear on the ballot. Remember, there are no "write ins" allowed when balloting for NAFCA national officer positions.

1st Vice President – Karen Donnelly

Secretary – Jim Hurley

Treasurer – Bill Neeb

North American Family Campers Association (NAFCA)

Ballot

Election of National Officers for 2020 - 2022

For the Office of NAFCA President

Place an X on the line next to the name of the individual you wish to be the NAFCA president. Vote for only one person.

George Brown _____

Don Daniel _____

Linda Ostiguy _____

- Only one vote per membership.
- The ballot must be placed in an envelope.
- Only one ballot per envelope.
- Only the ballot and nothing else should be placed in the envelope.
- Write the membership name legibly on the outside of the envelope.
- This ballot must be returned to the address below prior to March 1, 2020.

Return the ballot to:

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PO Box 345
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Ballot

The Ballot for elections can be found in this issue of the Campfire Chatter. You need to cut out the ballot and follow the directions for voting as described on the ballot. There is only One Vote per Membership. The ballots must be returned to the address on the Ballot by March 1st of 2020.

**SPRINGFIELD
RV
CAMPING &
OUTDOOR SHOW
2020**
Remember These Dates:
February 14-17, 2020

**New England's Largest
Camping & RV Expo**
Friday 4pm - 9pm
Saturday 10 am - 8 pm
Sunday 10 am - 6 pm
Monday 10 am - 4pm
(413) 781-2267
Purchase e-Tickets At:
SpringfieldRVCampingShow.com

Springfield RV Camping & Outdoor Show

As we said our goodbyes to 2019 & hello to 2020, we find ourselves thinking of warmer temps & of camping with our families & friends! We have already started booking our weekends and we look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Spring will be here before we know it & what better time to upgrade your current camping gear then at the 58th ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD RV, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR SHOW - FEBRUARY 14th-17th, 2020!!!

The 58th edition of the camping show, produced by campers for campers, is ready to go! The Chairmen, Phil Nadeau and Kevin & Sherrie Vilbon, along with their Committee have worked hard all year long preparing for this.

As always PV8 is working hard to give you a bigger and better show each

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Address _____

City _____

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and every year. Please come by to say hello and view our outstanding dealers and camping suppliers. They will give you any information you need to make the right decision when you are ready to look for that new home on wheels!

Monday is Kids Day, and we have shows and activities planned for the junior campers to see how great camping can be so that as they grow older they will want to continue the tradition of family camping.

Admission prices are now one low price of \$10! Of course, senior, DAV, military are still \$7 & children 12 & under are free! Parking is \$5.00 per car, payable to the Big E. ONLINE TICKET PURCHASING is available!!! Head over our web site: www.springfieldrv-campingshow.com & click on the "Buy Tickets" button to purchase yours!

For complete show details including a discount coupon, directions, exhibitor list, entertainment schedule, and more check out our web site at www.springfieldrv-campingshow.com or call 413-781-CAMP. And don't forget to like us on Facebook! (www.facebook.com/PV8NAFCA)

As always we can use your help... working doors, selling tickets, & offering general information to our spectators.

Hope to see you there!

Respectfully Yours,

Kris & Bonnie Spaulding (PV8)

NAFCA SPRING SAFARI

Nafca Spring Safari May 14-17 Spencer Fairgrounds "Lets do Plenty in 2020"

Grab your neighbor's, friends and fellow chapter members and get out and celebrate 2020 in a large way. Get back to supporting NAFCA Functions. The cost for the weekend is \$70 for Friday & Saturday and \$35 for Thursday or Second Family and \$15 for a single adult there will be games, booths, raffles kids corner parade of colors and more. On Sunday there will be NAFCA Meeting. Don't forget your items for the Chinese Auction.

Tony & Ellen Migneault
Chairmen

NAFCAre 2020



NAFCAre 2020
Rideau Acres Campground
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
July 18 - 25

Your NAFCAree Committee has one trip mostly firmed up. This trip is the three hour Luncheon Cruise on the "Island Star". This trip is for Tuesday July 21, 2020.



We do not, as of this this writing, have what the four meal choices. All meals are plated and you will pick your meal once we are on the boat. Coffee, tea and desserts are included in the package price you pay. There is also a full bar on board where soft drinks may also be purchased as well as beer, wine and mixed drinks.



We will have premium seating on

the boat. The table seating is along the outer portion of the dining area. With glass walls you have very good viewing of all sights along the river on this not to be missed Luncheon Cruise.

We will be picked up at Rideau Acres Campground. Near our campsites and taken directly to the dock to meet out boat. The mode of transportation will be on the Street Trolley. We have only 32 seats to sell and the tickets will be sold first come basis.

The tickets price includes: Trolley Transportation from the campground to the dock, 3 hour boat cruise on the Island Star, Plated premium meal (choice to be made once on the boat

from four choices), premium table seating for lunch – all reserved seating, entertainment – Margaretaville, a tribute to Jimmy Buffet, return transportation after the cruise is completed back to Rideau Acres Campground. The ticket price also includes HST 13% tax and NAFCA service fee. Plus a charcuterie on our tables.

This all inclusive Tuesday Cruise is priced at \$85 per person in U.S. Funds. The committee knows you will have a grand time on this premium trip.

Watch Campfire Chatter for the trip reservation form. All checks for your NAFCAree should be made payable to NAFCA. Your cruise directories look forward to welcoming you on board.

Maureen & Don Daniel – Cruise Directors



NAFCA Cares

SICK LIST

Jean Savoie, Ch.8, is still in the nursing home and could use some cheering up from his NAFCA friends. The address is Wingate Nursing Home, 32 Chesnut St., #2803, East Longmeadow, MA. 01028.

Ruth Lammi, Ch.114, has been in a rehab facility since around Christmas time after she suffered a bad fall. She had visitors from NAFCA recently and was thrilled to see them. Let's all send her cards, Outlook Health Care and Rehab Center, PO Box 1000, Charlton, MA. 01057

Frank Higgins, Past NAFCA President, is through his treatments for bladder cancer, now waiting for the results of the latest MRI. He is planning camping trips so wonderful to hear he is staying positive. Cards can be sent to him at PO Box 1, East Haven, VT., 05837

HAPPY NEWS

Tony and Ellen Migneault, Treasurer for the State of Mass have announced the birth of a new GREAT Grand son, Sebastion, born

Dec.20th. He makes 4 great grand children for them!

Bobby and Toni Skelton, along with brother Harry, welcomed Daisy Dinah to the family. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs!

A new NAFCA member :)

DIED

Cecile Benard, 93, former member of Ch.8 and mother of Ron and Bob Benard, Chapter 8 members, died recently. Her husband, Ed, died in 2014.

Carol Ann Woytch, sister of Eileen O'Brien, died recently.

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep all our men and women in the US Armed Forces in your prayers for a safe return home. God Bless them all. Anyone with news of any NAFCA relatives serving, please share if you can.

NAFCA Cares

Doris Lewis

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bobndoris04@gmail.com

News of NAFCA members is needed to make this column a success. It's important to remember our friends, is bad times as well as happy times. We also need a new NAFCA Cares editor, contact Doris Lewis at above phone # and email if you have any questions about the job.

North American Family Campers Association Winter Full Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2020

Rutland Library in Rutland,
Massachusetts

Call to Order – President Dennis Richardson

President Dennis Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and held a moment of silence for the sick and departed.

President Dennis Richardson recognized past national officers Joe Santos and Everett Mitchell.

Roll Call of Board Members – Secretary Jim Hurley

President Dennis Richardson – Present, 1st Vice President Paula Bradley – Present, Treasurer Bill Neeb – Present, Secretary Jim Hurley – Present, Massachusetts State Director Linda Ostiguy – Present, New Hampshire State Director Marilyn Hurley – Present, Rhode Island State Director Dale Bradley – Present & Vermont State Director Michelle Perry – Excused.

Secretary's Report – Jim Hurley

The Minutes of the October 5, 2019 Full Board Minutes were printed in the

Reservation Form

2020 NAFCAree
On the Go in Ontario
Rideau Acres Campground
Kingston, Canada
July 18-25, 2020
Deposit Deadline, April 15, 2020

Names of all individuals in your rig. All must be members of NAFCA.

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Adults _____ # Children _____ Chapter # _____

of Pets _____

Rig Type _____ Length _____

Registration for Camper: _____

Registration for Towed or Tow Vehicle _____

Camping W/E/S @\$395.00 \$ _____

Friday Arrival @ \$56.00 \$ _____

Sunday departure @ \$56.00 \$ _____

Camping W/E @\$365.00 \$ _____

Friday Arrival @ \$51.00 \$ _____

Sunday departure @ \$51.00 \$ _____

Extra Adult over 18@ \$120.00 \$ _____

2nd Family in rig @ \$190.00 \$ _____

TOTAL FOR CAMPING \$ _____

Deposit \$100.00 \$ _____

Final Payment Due by June 1, 2020

Make check payable to NAFCA

Mail to: Carol Robison
18 Amy Avenue
Leominster, MA 01453

January 2020 Campfire Chatter. The minutes were accepted as printed. M/BNeeb, S/PBradley – Passed

Treasurer's Report – Bill Neeb

Copies of the Treasurer's Report for the Third Quarter that ended December 31st were available at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Bill Neeb. M/PBradley, S/MHurley – Passed

Committee Reports

NAFCaree 2020 – Carol Robison

Carol Robison announced members of the NAFCaree 2020 committee. The committee is working very hard planning trips but many places in Canada are not open now as it is winter and cold up there. Carol displayed the logo for NAFCaree 2020. Tee Shirts and Sweat Shirts of various sizes will be for sale with the logo embroidered on the left side of the upper chest area. Information will be printed in the Campfire Chatter.

Rideau Acres Campground – Kingston, Ontario

Dates: July 18-25

Price: 395.00 for full hook-up 365 for water/electric 56.00 for additional night.

A Reservation Form is in Chatter.

Amenities include – Beaches, walking trails, biking, fishing, boat rentals etc.

The area of Kingston was once the Capital of Canada and has many many tourist and historical, food and beverage attractions. It is on Lake Ontario with countless lakefront activities. There are band concerts and entertainment almost every day. There is a bus to downtown close by as well as Uber and cabs available if you do not have a vehicle.

Trips and Activities Planned:

Saturday night a welcome wine and cheese reception

Sunday – Trolley Tour of Kingston which included a narrated tour of the area with stops at the Kingston Fort and the Penitentiary.

Monday – Ottawa

Tuesday – Boat Lunch Cruise of Thousand Islands

Wednesday - NAFCAREE Day – cardboard boat races, and Pontoon Boat rides as well as many other fun activities and competition throughout the day. We plan to end the day with a meal.

Thursday – Gangauagac – Music Man Matinee and trip to Gangauagac

Friday – Upper Canada Day with a visit to Upper Canada (like Sturbridge Village)

Prices for trips will be finalized and printed soon - but are not yet complete.

Spring Safari 2020 – Ellen and Tony Migneault

The 2020 Spring Safari will be held at the Spencer Fairgrounds May 14-17 in 2020. A committee has been formed and Gate Duty shifts are already full. Ellen also mentioned that she has positions open for two hour shifts at the NAFCaree Booth for the PV8 Camping Show. Admission is free to volunteer workers but there is a \$5 parking fee.

Web Site – Virginia Daniel for Web Master Ben French

Campfire Chatters are all updated. The calendar is a great resource for all that are interested in NAFCaree dates. I am working to have it subscribable, but not much luck there as of yet. As always I am open to suggestions on improvements or things that the membership would like to see on the website. With this new software, we can do almost anything we want with the site.

Sustaining Members – Rosemarie Neeb

We now have 29 sustaining members. We lost 2 that were due in October, Apple Island in Vermont and Drummer Boy in Pennsylvania.

For renewals I am still waiting for 5 campgrounds that had December renewal dates. A second notice will be sent this week and hopefully they will renew their membership. Three January renewals were mailed last month and one has paid.

When planning your camp-outs this year, take a look at the Chatter for the listing of sustaining members and choose somewhere you haven't been. I know everyone has their favorite campground but let's try a new one, it just may become your new favorite!

Conservation – Don Daniel

All are welcome to be a part of this working and camping weekend. No camping fee or reservations for this weekend of giving back to the birthplace of NAFCaree in exchange for your labor on Saturday.

Gate will open at 10am on Friday April 17 and Camping will be at the end of the entrance driveway parking area. There are no water or electric hookups and there is no dump station.

Please plan accordingly. There will be a handicap accessible porta-Jon for our groups use.

Tasks may include raking around campsite fireplaces, cleaning off the brick patio of moss growing on and between the bricks. Raking around the pavilion and also sweeping the pavilion floor. Raking the pathway and around the memorial grove area and other tasks the staff at Otter River State Forest May need us to do.

The Saturday evening meal will be pot luck and we do hope everyone will come and eat together. Make your best dish and share with your fellow campers.

Basic directions: MA Route 2 west bound to exit #20 – Baldwinville Road. At top of ramp turn Right onto Baldwinville Road and follow to its end. At the end of the road turn Right onto US 202 North and go through Baldwinville Center. Once through town center go approximately 1 ½ miles to Otter River State Forest entrance on your left side. Gate will be closed but lift up the gate pin and push opens the gate. Once through the gate please close and Replace the gate pin.

Any questions please call Don Daniel at (978) 664-4294.

Scholarship Committee - Liz Sheldon & Nancy Selover

Liz Sheldon gave the Scholarship Committee report with balances on the accounts. Our thanks go out to all individuals and chapters who have supported the fund. Please remember to send the correct spelling of the name of the deceased, the name and address of the next of kin and the name and address of those making the donation so that the proper acknowledgement of the gift can be made.

Unfinished Business

NAFCaree 2019 Final Report – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb gave the final Financial Report for NAFCaree 2019. President Dennis Richardson thanked Bill for his work on this event and dismissed the committee.

National Officer Elections and Balloting Information – Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson gave the timelines for NAFCaree elections. Dennis read

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SMOKE SIGNALS



Connecticut

Wolf Den 103

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Wolf Den members had their Christmas Party on December 7, 2019 at Pat Henault's clubhouse. The Goodwin's, Taylor's, Gibbon's, Lovell's, and Pat attended this fabulous affair. Unfortunately, Jon was unable to attend as he had to work, and the Supina's and Donahue's were also not able to come.

Donna brought her granddaughter, Savannah.



Willie Harwood and his girlfriend Susan also came. Willie offered to make roast beef and gravy. Of course, we would never pass up his offer, as he is an awesome cook! He has his own food truck, named The Red Canteen. Arlene made mashed potatoes to accompany the beef, and Donna made salad. We had appetizers: cheesy bean dip, crackers and cheese. We ended the meal with desserts with Christmas cookies.

Willie came in shorts!! The weather was pretty chilly out, so no one really knows if he was aware of how cold it was. Or maybe he thought he was in Florida. You just never know with Willie!

After we ate, we had a traditional

Secret Santa Swap, without the swap. Everyone got beautiful gifts. Lisa suggested another way to do the swap for next year. Hopefully, she doesn't forget to share it with us when the time comes.

Some of us played a dice game. Carol and Lisa were neck & neck with close points. And, Savannah ended up winning, which was a great surprise! Congrats Savannah!

Wolf Den members send everyone a most enjoyable and safe 2020 New Year filled with health and happiness!!

Let me add.... THANK YOU DICK BASHA for taking care of the articles submitted in the NAFCA Campfire Chatter. I know what a task this is to do, and we are all grateful!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary



Palm Tree #29

The date is Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

Hello NAFCA "SNOWBIRDS". Our February get-together is only a few days away. February 19th, 2020 we will meet for our annual Palm Tree social. It will be at Lake Parker Recreation area in Lakeland, Florida, and I hope you will plan to attend. It is a nice, informal gathering – bring your own lunch and we ask that, this year, you bring a dessert to share.. Arrive anytime you want (most of us arrive a bit after 11 AM) and stay as late as you want. We meet in a pavilion so even if the weather isn't to our liking, we will at least be dry. You are welcome to bring friends with you as well.

Bring games if you so desire or just enjoy each others company.

If you have any questions you can call me at 508-868-7152.

Hope to see you there,
Marty Moore

Directions to Lake Parker:

If coming from Orlando on I-4 take exit 33, turn left, go under I-4. Go south on State Rd 33 (Lakeland Hills Blvd) for approximately 1.5 miles. See the Post Office on your right and turn left at the light onto Granada St. – Park is on your left – ENTER THROUGH GATE ONE.

If coming from Tampa on I-4 take exit 33 to State Rd 33. Turn right and head south on 33 and follow above directions. You may also take exit 32, turn right onto US 98, turn left at lights onto Knights Griffin Rd, turn right onto Lakeland Hills Blvd, and left onto Granada.

If coming from the East on US 92, turn right onto Lakeshore Drive which becomes Lake Parker Drive, follow along the lake and the park will be in front of you.

If coming down US 98, go under I-4, turn left onto Knights Griffin Rd, then right onto Rt. 33 (Lakeland Hills Blvd) and then left onto Granada.



Pine Tree #33

Hello everybody hope your Christmas and New Year's was a good one.

This past December was a cold and stormy one, usually not cold this early, we are on the end of 2019 and looking forward to 2020, hopefully a good one. The sunsets will be later pretty soon, and closer to the Spring.

The social event in December had to be scheduled to The Lotus Restaurant due to bad weather and a covering of snow at Pine Tree. 20 members attended. It turned out to be a good crowd, unfortunately Everett and I did not go.

The Social for January will be January 4th. a Saturday at the Chickadee Restaurant at 1472 Lisbon Street, in Lewiston, Maine. Time is 11:30am. We

have been there and it has good food.

Everett and I will be attending the Mass. Co-ordinating Meeting at the Rutland Library, in Massachusetts for NAFA on January 5th.

When you receive your Campfire Chatter you will notice that NAFA's President Dennis Richardson will be stepping down, Two candidates will be running for President, one is Don Daniel which we know very well and very informative, also Linda Ostiguy which we know also very informative, please send in your Ballot and vote its very important that you vote.

Also Pine Tree Campground will be having a few lots available for anybody interested or if you know some good bidding people please get in touch with our Campground Director Brian Hodgdon and he will direct you.

Also please be advised that Maine will no longer allow Styrofoam containers. Also many not allow plastic so remember to bring your Linen containers when shopping, or paper bags.

Here's hoping your New Year was a safe one. Now we move on to looking forward to Springtime to go camping, wishful thinking. Long way to go, haha.

Thank you for listening, see you again next time.

Be safe and healthy.

Sincerely, Doris Mitchell

Penobscot Valley Acres #37

Did you all get treated well by 'Ol St Nick? We are fortunate that our family is so close and we get together on Christmas Eve. This is my favorite thing about the Holiday, we share good food and family time. It's the best! I hope you all got to make wonderful memories with your loved ones. Then we got to usher in the New Year. 2020 brings many new and as yet unrealized opportunities. As always we are looking forward to our next camping season. I am looking forward to doing some gardening as last year I really couldn't do much because I was recovering from shoulder surgery. It was frustrating to look about and see every thing that needs to be done and not be able to do it. This year I should be 100% so look out gardens!!

Speaking of recovering one of our members Bob Hartley AKA farmer Bob is recovering from ankle surgery and we wish him well. We hope to see him doing his gardening this spring without

all that pain he had been going through. We know he is getting great care from his private duty nurse, his wife, Debby, as she is a retired nurse.

Well keep warm and safe Travels
Janet Bagley



Massachusetts State Director



As I write this I look forward to our joint Mass. Co-ord/NAFA Full Board meetings on Jan. 5. There is a lot happening this New Year! Mass. State elections and NAFA elections are the biggies.

We'll be back from our "sail" in Sturbridge with our dinner dance/party. Guess it is time to look forward to the Springfield RV, Camping & Outdoor Show. You probably don't realize it but this is a year long job! Not only does the committee work all year but practically live at the Big E starting on Sun. before the show through the Tues. after the show. We all get tired but have FUN too. We hope that you will all join us...check out the RVs, campgrounds, "newest" gotta have, entertainment, seminars, you name it.....it is there. Bring a friend, stop by the NAFA booth and enjoy the fruits of labor that PV8 has made available. It just goes to prove that you can work hard and still have FUN working together!

Speaking of working together, let's ALL combine our efforts to make this a great NEW YEAR!

NAFA is full of FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, FUN!

If you missed the Jan. 5th meeting, you are welcome to come to the PV8 hall in Granby for our next meeting on March 15th, 2020.

Linda Ostiguy
Massachusetts State Director

Squaw-No-Cook #30

Dear All,

Our winter storm dumped quite a bit of snow (almost a foot and a half, I think). It's been a few weeks of rain, warm temperatures, and snow - often



within days. We still have a little snow hanging around, but not too much.

We had our Christmas party earlier this month and most of it went well. We tried to change things up a little and they didn't go as planned, but we still had fun. There's always next year to go back to the old ways.

We collected our meal from Sean Patrick's (turkey and stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, pasta, and salad along with cheesecake for dessert). We had appetizers too, and all the tables were set up very nicely. Carol R. and Katie made centerpieces with greenery and snowmen.



I made the gingerbread camper, and even made a fire pit with "colored" flames (thinly sliced gumdrops, a nod to Brad's colorful fires) and trees made out of Reese's peanut butter cups and Hershey kisses. I was excited to show Brad the fire, but he wasn't able to make the party. Darn!

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There were two handouts - one was to name the Christmas song (we were provided a few lyrics) and the other was a pictogram or rebus puzzle, I guess you'd call it. We were given clues of pictures or symbols and had to figure out the word. For example, there would be raindrops and then a deer - reindeer.

We also had a plastic wrapped ball (goodies like candy and small ornaments were wrapped inside). Everyone was around the table, including Harry! One person rolled the dice and the next person tried to unwrap the ball. Once doubles were rolled, the ball and dice were passed along to the next person in line. There was a lot of laughing and rushing trying to roll doubles. Melissa unwrapped quite a few prizes!!

The Yankee swap did not go as planned. We tried a new way to do the swap but a lot of the guests were not impressed. I think the majority of the gifts were swapped afterwards anyway, so that part worked out. I know Carol R. switched her gift afterwards and was quite happy!! She had the perfect place to put the figurines.

2020 is just around the corner. Guess that means the camping season is all that much closer!!

Happy New Year!!
Barbara Starr

Canvasback #157

The New Year at last and a chance for some fresh starts for all of us to get into and maybe even enjoy.

Our chapter along with NAFCA is shrinking. I do think the camping families at large do not understand how much enjoyment a family can get out of our camping club. Who better than our own members to enlighten those other people we all encounter in our camping outings. All NAFCA members who have fun within our club should be engaging with non-members we meet while at every campout.

Canvasback hasn't done much since I last wrote. We attended the Mass Dinner Dance weekend which was a blast and if you didn't go you missed out on a fun time. You really should put this on your list of things to do with NAFCA you will have one heck of a time and you'll be able to get together with other members you may not know and you

may even make some new friends.

Speaking of things to do, NAFCA has lots of camping and other get togethers in the months ahead to partake of if you've a mind to.

Maybe the very first NAFCA campout for 2020, Otter River Conservation Camping Weekend April 17-19. Open to all who will lend a hand with some lite tasks on Saturday of this weekend. There is no camping fee and no advanced reservation needed. Payment for camping is in the form of some easy tasks. If you have never been give it a try and if you have been before please come on back and you know this can be a fun weekend of giving back to NAFCA's birthplace.

Until next we meet, wishing you nothing but warm breezes and fair skies to camping in.

Don Daniel – Correspondent

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the information regarding balloting that is written in the Campfire Chatter. A short discussion ensued regarding process and dates. Dennis explained that the board is following the NAFCA bylaws. A motion was made to have the secretary cast one ballot for the positions that were unopposed in the election. M/DBradley, S/BNeeb – Passed. Karen Donnelly will be 1st Vice President, Bill Neeb will be Treasurer and Jim Hurley will be Secretary for NAFCA beginning April of 2020.

New Business

Game Survey – Linda Ostiguy

Linda Ostiguy is working on the development of a survey regarding NAFCA games held at NAFCA events. Linda read survey questions and discussion ensued. Some questions were changed and some were removed. Linda will work with the board to get the survey into the Campfire Chatter.

State Director Reports

Massachusetts – Linda Ostiguy

The MA Co-ord had another busy year. We started our year with the Co-ord/ Full Board on Jan. 6, 2019 at the Rutland Public Library in Rutland, MA. Plans were made and discussions heard. It was a full day with a lot accomplished. We also traveled to the "Cape" for our "winter get away" Jan. 25-27. The theme was "Pirates" of NAFCA. Many dressed the part, danced, ate, swam in the indoor

pool, visited in the hospitably room, made puzzles, shopped, you get the picture....it was great fun!

Feb. 15-18 was our time at the Springfield RV, Camping & Outdoor show on the Big E grounds. Many of worked on the NAFCA booth to welcome new members to join NAFCA and get more out of camping. On March 10 we again were visited to use the PV8 hall in Granby for our last indoor co-ord meeting. April 26-28 brought us Oak Haven in Wales, MA camping and holding our Annual Meeting. Again the weekend was not all meetings, we had the opportunity to camp with friends, eat out, have campfires and tell how the "winter" treated us. May brought us to the Spencer Fairgrounds for the NAFCA Spring Safari "Cinco de Mayo" 5/25/2019. The fiesta was in the air! We had games, booths, raffles, campfires, "Chinese Auction", kid's corner, etc. as we all joined together for a fun time.

June brought us for our annual beach campout at Scusset Beach right on the Cape Cod Canal. You could fish, swim, shop, and of course EAT! We are planning this again so listen for the plans. It is the favorite for many! July was a weeklong camping trip to Old Orchard Beach in Maine for NAFCAree. A beach party it was! There was Lots to do and a great campground.

August 8-11 was our "multi chapter" at Traveler's Woods in Bernardston, Massachusetts. The full board was held in the morning then we ventured out, had a covered dish supper, brown bag auction and of course goodies at the campfire! We had a little time to sweep out the sand from the rig from Camp-O-Rama and hit the road again. Sept. 26-29 we had our MA Fall Frolic-"No Theme in 2019" again at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, MA. Games, booths, raffles, door prizes, trips to Kl-ems, The Christmas Barn, just all around good camping with good friends. Some we would not see until spring.

Oct.4-6 brought us to Country Aire in Charlemont, MA for the Council of Chapters. MA was the host this year. It was cold in the morning on Sat. but the rest of the weekend was great. We were able to gather inside for our meetings along with our cover dish supper. Then it was indoors at the Rutland Library for our MA-Co-ord meeting on Nov.3.

So as you can see this does not

include separate Chapter campouts, events that are held annually. If you are board, camping alone, or just need a little persuasion JOIN NAFCA and enjoy camping (and activates that are non-camping) and you will be in you glory. Look forward in 2020 for Spring Safari, NAFCAree, Camp Show, Scusset Beach, "Multi-chapter", dinner dance, Camp-o-Rama, Fall Frolics along with friends!

New Hampshire – Marilyn Hurley

Greetings from the great State of New Hampshire! The holidays are over, the days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer!

What?!!

Now that I have your attention I would like to offer a challenge. "Camp 20" sleeps in 2020 – that's the way my students count the days until important events. Yes! Twenty camping nights in the year 2020.

In order to accomplish this you will need to join with others besides your own chapter. Start the season early with the Annual NAFCA Meeting and end the season at the New Hampshire & Vermont Fall Frolic. Reserve now and mark our calendars for these camping events. And "Camp 20" in 2020!

Rhode Island – Dale Bradley

Rhode Island is alive and well. Dale has not heard much from the Rhody Rovers, yet. The Quahaug Chapter is presently planning the 2020 camping season events. Rhode Island is also planning the Fall Council of Chapters event for 2020. Information will be in the Campfire Chatter later in the year.

Vermont – Michelle Perry

The holiday season is over and we are preparing for winter in Vermont

and Canada. The weather has been icy with some snow here up north. Our campers are winterized, all snug on their blocks, as we patiently watch the clock. YES, spring will arrive sooner than we know it. All of our Chapters are putting together tentative summer camping schedules.

We are also preparing for the Vermont/New Hampshire Fall Frolic in 2020. This year's joint Fall Frolic will be held September 11-13. The name of the campground is River Meadow and is located in North Haverhill, New Hampshire. Please call the campground directly to reserve your site. Their phone number is 1-603-787-6700. There will also be a registration form in the Chatter that campers will need to complete.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2020 from our Vermont and Canadian members.

For the Good of NAFCA

Worcester Chapters will let NAFCA use their candles for the installation of officers at the Annual Meeting. The candles are battery operated.

The NAFCA Full Board Summer Meeting will be held at Traveler's Woods on Saturday, August 8th. The campground is having a spaghetti supper that evening and details will be worked out before the event date.

The next NAFCA Full Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 25th at the Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Massachusetts. Information and a registration form will be posted in the Campfire Chatter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20. M/MHurley, S/BNeeb – Passed

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Hurley, NAFCA Secretary



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APPLESAUCE MEAT LOAF

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

- 1 lb ground sirloin
- ¾ cup applesauce
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- ½ cup diced onion
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp mustard

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix the ground sirloin, applesauce, bread crumbs, onion, eggs and salt. Spoon into an ungreased 9 x 5 loaf pan. Set aside.

Combine ketchup, brown sugar and mustard; spread over meat loaf. Bake 1 hour. Served 6-8.

HONEY-GLAZED PORK LOIN

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

- 1/3 cup honey
- Pinch Cayenne pepper
- 1 (2 to 2 ½ lb) boneless pork loin roast
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 tsp corn or canola oil

Preheat oven to 325°

Stir honey and cayenne pepper together. Tie roast with butcher's twin. Rub roast with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in heavy skillet. Place meat, fat side down, and cook until well browned on all sides. Pour off fat. Add honey mixture and cook meat for 30 seconds, making sure it's coated with honey on all sides.

Place skillet loin oven and cook until center of roast registers about 160° on meat thermometer. Transfer roast to carving board and let rest 15 minutes. Set skillet over high heat and boil until glaze reduces to 1/3 cup, about 1 minute. When ready to serve, pour glaze over meat. Cut into slices and serve. Serve 4-6.

Pour buttermilk into shallow bowl. Add chicken, turn to coat. Let stand 5

minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Place cereal in a 2-quart plastic bag. Add baking mix and dry dressing mix. Remove chicken from buttermilk and add to cereal mixture in bag. Shake to coat. Place chicken on prepared cookie sheet. Spray with cooking spray. Bake 25-30 minutes or until juices run clear. Serves 6-8.

PIMENTO CHEESE SPREAD

- 1 lb processed cheese, shredded
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup finely chopped pimentos

In a large bowl, combine cheese and mayonnaise and pimentos until well blended. Keep refrigerated. Makes 6 cups spread.

QUICK CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 cup cut-up cooked chicken
- 1 (10 ¾ oz) can condensed cream of chicken or mushroom soup
- 1 cup baking mix
- 1/3 cup milk
- Paprika

Heat 1 ½ cups milk, peas and carrots, chicken and soup to a boil in 3-quart sauce pan, stirring frequently.

Mix baking mix and ½ cup milk until soft dough forms. Drop dough by 8 spoonful onto chicken mixture (do not drop directly into liquid). Sprinkle with paprika.

Cook, uncovered, over low heat 10 minutes. Cover and cook 10 minutes longer, serves 4.

WARM APPLE CIDER

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

- 1 Gallon (64 oz) apple cider
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp whole allspice
- 1 tsp whole cloves
- 1/3 cup brown sugar

In a slow cooker, combine apple cider and cinnamon sticks. Wrap allspice and cloves in a small piece of cheesecloth, and add to pot. Stir in brown sugar. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, and keep warm.

In a small bowl, combine melted butter and flour until well blended. Add lemon juice, milk and vanilla and stir well. Stir in brown sugar, cinnamon and salt.

Pour butter mixture over apples and toss to coat. Pour apple mixture into an 8 x 8 baking dish and spread into an even layer. Sprinkle crumb topping evenly over the apples. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and top is set. Remove from oven and allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Banana Bread

Submitted by Doris Lewis

- 3-4 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts, plus extra for topping if desired

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a muffin tin by lightly greasing the cups or lining them with paper liners.

In a large bowl, combine the melted butter and mashed bananas and stir with a large wooden spoon.

Stir in the sugar, egg, and vanilla, then sprinkle the baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt over the banana batter and give it another stir to combine.

Add the flour and nuts last and stir just until no streaks of flour remain.

New Recipes Needed!

A big Thank You to those who submitted this month's recipes. If you want this page to continue in future issues of Campfire Chatter please send Dena your recipes.

It's Up To You!

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NATIONAL EVENTS

- March 1** **Deadline for 2021 NAFCAree proposals**
- March 1** **Deadline for 2021 Spring Safari proposals**
- April 17-19** **NAFCA Conservation Weekend**
Otter River State Forest
86 Winchendon Road
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- April 23-26** **NAFCA Annual Meeting**
NAFCA Full Board
NAFCA Installation of Officers
Country Aire Campground
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- May 14-17** **NAFCA Spring Safari**
Spencer Fairgrounds
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- July 18-25** **2020 NAFCAree**
Rideau Acres Campground
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- August 8** **NAFCA Summer Full Board Meeting**
Travelers Woods
Campground
152 River Road
Bernardsten, MA.
- Oct 16-18** **NAFCA Conservation Weekend**
Otter River State Forest
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STATE EVENTS

- March 15** **Mass. Co-ord Meeting**
PV8 Hall
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Granby, MA 01033
- June 25-28** **Scusset Beach Campout**
Scusset Beach State Res.
Sandwich MA
- Aug. 7-9** **Mass. Multi-chapter**
Travelers Woods
Campground
152 River Road
Bernardsten, MA.
- Aug 20-23** **Annual Quilting Weekend**
Country Aire Campground
Charlemont, MA.
- Sept 10-13** **VT/NH Fall Frolic**
River Meadow Campground
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- Sept. 24-27** **Massachusetts Fall Frolic**
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